

Fact Sheet

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Labor Market Report Highlights October 2015

Labor Force and Unemployment

- The state's October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, down from 4.4 percent in September and decreased from 4.2 percent in October 2014.
- The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 3.7 percent, down from 3.8 percent in September and down from 3.9 percent one year ago.
- There were 8,652 initial claims for unemployment benefits in October 2015, down from 10,993 in September and down from 11,175 in October 2014. There were 49,616 continued claims in October, down from 57,687 the previous month and down from 66,959 in October 2014.

Jobs Data

Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 13,500 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.2 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 10,900, or 0.8 percent, since October 2014.
- Since last month, Kansas gained 2,700 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state gained 2,500, or 0.2 percent, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since September 2015.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 13,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.2 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 10,900, a 0.8 percent increase since October 2014.
- Since last month, private sector jobs increased by 8,100, or 0.7 percent. The state gained 13,600 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 1.0 percent.

Industry Breakdown**Over the Year**

Increase			
Industry:	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Construction	6,900	11.3%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,400	0.9%	Wholesale Trade
Professional and Business Services	2,200	1.3%	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Financial Activities	1,500	1.9%	Finance and Insurance
Education and Health Services	1,500	0.8%	Educational Services
Information	800	2.9%	N/A
Leisure and Hospitality	400	0.3%	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Government	-2,500	-0.9%	Local
Manufacturing	-1,000	-0.6%	Non-Durable Goods
Mining and Logging	-900	-8.5%	N/A
Other Services	-400	-0.8%	N/A

Over the Month

Increase			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Government	5,500	2.1%	Local
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,600	1.0%	Retail Trade
Education and Health Services	2,400	1.2%	Educational Services
Construction	1,500	2.3%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Professional and Business Services	1,100	0.6%	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Other Services	500	1.0%	N/A
Manufacturing	500	0.3%	Durable Goods
Financial Activities	400	0.5%	Finance and Insurance
Mining and Logging	100	1.0%	N/A
Information	100	0.4%	N/A

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Leisure and Hospitality	-1,100	-0.9%	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

Private Sector Earnings

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$6.68, or 0.9 percent, since last year, to a total of \$772.24.
- Professional and business services increased the most in average weekly earnings since last year. This industry increased by \$43.95, or 5.1 percent, since October 2014, to a total of \$908.64.
- Construction also had a notable increase. Average weekly earnings increased by \$39.98, or 4.4 percent, since last year, to a total of \$954.58.

The November 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, December 18.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

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